

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE**

**Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2008, favorable  
reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following:

**Remarks** begin on page 2; and

**Authorization** is included on page 4.